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Mr. Forest L. Henderson
Executive Vice President
American Cable & Radio Corporation
67 Broad Street
New York 4, New York

Dear Mr. Henderson:

In the absence of Mr. Dulles, I want to thank you very much for your letter of 30 March concerning the repair operations engaged in by your company on the Main 2 cable.

I have read it with a great deal of interest and am sending it on to some of our people here who have been following this situation with considerable interest. We greatly appreciate your courtesy in bringing this information to our attention.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

C. P. Cabell
General, USAF
Acting Director

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NEW YORK 4, N.Y.

March 30, 1959

Mr. Allan Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

During the period beginning with the last week in February and continuing until the middle of March 1959, our cable ship "John W. Mackay" was engaged in repair operations on our Main 2 cable which runs between St. John, Newfoundland, and Waterville, Ireland. She sighted four large Russian trawlers in the vicinity at 1600 on March 24th. The location was latitude 47° 57' 13" north and longitude 45° 46' 9" west. Our cable was badly ridden for a distance of two miles by trawler equipment. The depth of the water at this location is 240/270 fathoms and the area is north of and adjacent to the Flemish Cap.

One of our employees who has served many years on the cable ship reports that Russian trawlers operate exclusively in this area and that trawlers of other nations are encountered closer to shore in shallow water areas.

Our cable ship was unable to complete repairs because of bad weather and will return to this area approximately April 12th for that purpose. Our cable ship left two mark buoys in the area to indicate the area of operation when she returns to complete the repairs.

Very truly yours,

Forest L. Henderson
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